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Process Thereof, Pigment Ink for Ink Jetting, and Ink Jet Image Recording Method Employing the

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Examiner:

Before examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend the application as indicated below. Attached is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 29 and 33 have been amended.

29. (Amended) A process for manufacturing a pigment dispersion liquid, wherein the process comprises the step of adding a pigment solution to an aqueous pigment solution

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